

Dear Mansfield-Ashford Little League Families:

As we prepare for the Little League Tournament, we invite players to be considered for placement on a Mansfield-Ashford Little League Baseball Tournament team. The Little League Tournament is considered an additional season for our league and all players have the right to be considered for a tournament team. Based on our regular season registration numbers, we would like to field 4 baseball teams (8-10 years old, 9-11 years old, 10-12 years old and 13-16 years old), and 3 softball teams (8-10 years old, 10-12 years old and 13-16 years old). The following requirements are mandatory:

1. Eligibility:

- a. Individual players must have played in a minimum of 8 of regular season games.
- b. The team in which the player is on must play at least 12 games for the player to be eligible.
- c. If selected to a team, each player must provide an original birth certificate.
- d. If selected to a team, each player must complete [Tournament Player Verification](#) by:
 - i. completing the [Little League Baseball and Softball School Enrollment Form](#) **OR**
 - ii. provide at least three (3) forms of identification outlined in the Tournament Player Verification form above. The residency documentation must prove that you are a resident of Mansfield or Ashford. For residents of Willington and Chaplin-Hampton, we are awaiting Little League International approval to combine for the tournament. We expect the combination to be approved and you ask that you provide residency documentation as well.

2. **Availability:** Players must be available from June 1st through mid-August. (Additional Schedule Details Below)
3. **Skill level:** Players with above average skill level will be chosen by the Tournament Team Manager and the Tournament Committee with input from the regular season managers.
4. **Tryouts:** Tryouts will only be held if the tournament manager requests one.

You and your child's commitment for this highly competitive team and tournament are as follows:

● **Practices**

- Begin approximately June 5th and will be 5-6 days per week.
- Practices are mandatory for all players. If you have vacation or family plans during this time and cannot commit to practice and games every night of the week and on weekends, please inform the Tournament Committee of your availability in the comments field during registration, and also inform our President, Josh Diffenderfer, at joshua.diffenderfer@gmail.com.

- **Game Schedule**

- The Little League Tournament is broken up into 4 stages; districts, sectionals, states and the Little League World Series. The season ends when the team has been eliminated from the tournament so be aware of this when scheduling vacations.
- Tentative tournament schedule

		Baseball	Softball
10-12 Year Old	District	7/5-7/17	6/26-7/2
	Sectionals	7/20-7/23	7/8-7/11
	States	7/28-8/1	7/14-7/17
9-11 Year Old	District	7/6-7/13	TBD
	Sectionals	7/16-7/19	TBD
	States	7/24-7/28	TBD
8-10 Year Old	District	7/6-7/18	7/6-7/11
	Sectionals	7/21-7/24	7/15-7/18
	States	7/29-8/2	7/21-7/25

- **Uniforms**

- M-ALL will provide an all-star jersey, hat and socks.
- All players must provide their own pants and navy blue belt.
 - Baseball: white pants with navy blue pipe.
 - Softball: TBD

If your child would like to be considered for a Tournament Team, and both you and your child can make the commitment to attend all the practices and games, please complete step 1 of registration through our website at www.mansfieldctl.org. **FOR CURRENT MINORS AND MAJORS PLAYERS, THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SUNDAY MAY 30, 2021 AT 5:00 PM.**

All 8-10 year old, 9-11 year old and 10-12 year old tournament teams will be chosen on June 4th. 13-16 year old Jr/Sr. teams will be chosen in late June. If your child is selected to a team, you will receive an acceptance email and will need to complete the second part of registration and pay the \$100 fee. The Little League tournament is a highly competitive event, and all players and families must understand that rosters are built to win and advance in the tournament. There may **only be eleven or twelve players chosen** to play on each team, which means not all players who have signed up will be chosen for a tournament team. Additionally, players and parents should be aware that equal playing time is not guaranteed and players may receive as little as one at bat in a game. If you have any further questions, please contact Josh Diffenderfer, President, M-ALL at joshua.diffenderfer@gmail.com.